

# City of Socorro

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## A matter of public safety

Dogs on the loose can be a huge problem when it comes to public health and safety. If they bite or attack people or other animals, they can spread disease, and cause trauma that requires medical attention. A dog chasing a bicyclist puts itself and the cyclist at risk of being hit by other traffic or hurt in a crash. The City wants to curtail loose dogs and the problem of bites and attacks. "We will be very aggressive to cite owners and harborers," Mayor Ravi Bhasker said.

Through a program of increased public awareness, encouragement of responsible ownership, a focus on improving public health and safety, and increased police enforcement, the City hopes to decrease the number of dog incidents. "Offenders will be given a warning to begin with but once initial warning is made and there is a second incident, repeat offenders will be cited," said the Mayor, adding that citations could start in the neighborhood of a \$90 fine.

According to Socorro's Animal Control Ordinance, "responsible persons will not allow any domestic animals in their custody to attack people in any location where the people are lawfully located," nor "attack animals that are located on their owner's property, confined or under the physical restraint of a responsible person."

Besides not letting pets stray, all pet owners within the City limits are required to have their animals vaccinated for rabies. They must also have them licensed through the City by providing a current anti-rabies vaccination certificate and proof of current standard vaccinations to the Animal Control Officer.

The Ordinance also covers abuse and neglect, breeder and

fancier permits, and spay/neutering requirements. A copy of the animal control ordinance is available at City Hall.

## Open for business!

At long last the permits are in place, the work has been done, and the new cell at the landfill is taking garbage. The original opening date was projected as 2010. Now, at long last, it is open and in use. Mayor Bhasker described it as "the longest project in the City's history." Crews can now begin the 30-year post-closure effort of reclaiming the old landfill while continuing preparations for future cells.



Earlier this spring workers spread the new membrane (white), and then the liner (black) to contain garbage in the new cell. After the seams of the liner were welded it was covered with two feet of sand.

***The City Pool is open!  
So is the library!  
Time to get moving!***

## Employee Anniversaries

Cody Polston

10 years

## City Council

Mary Ann Chavez-Lopez

Gordy Hicks

Donald Monette

Ernest Pargas, Jr.

Ravi Bhasker, Mayor

Nick Fleming

Toby Jaramillo

Michael Olguin, Jr.

Peter D. Romero

Pat Salome, Clerk